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The Democrat.

TELEPHONE NO. 30.

Local and Personal News.

This is the day of the Vernal Equinox.

Dr. Byrd, of Oxy, was here Tuesday on business.

Tom Swindle was down from Compton this week attending court.

Sam Osborne, of Furman, was in town this week transacting business.

John Lacks, of Bradford, Arkansas, was here this week attending court.

Morg. Woodring, of Bardley, was here this week in attendance at court.

Stephen Douglas Lassiter, one of the candidates for assessor, was in town this week.

Lewis D. O'Neal, merchant of Gatewood, was in town this week after freight.

Deputy County Surveyor, Billie Cooper, was in town this week. He will be a candidate for surveyor.

There was a large number of people in town from the country last Saturday and business was very good among our business men.

The Farmers Union will hold their meeting today in the Odd Fellows hall, the court room, where they usually meet, being in use for circuit court.

The T. L. Wright Lbr. Co. started up their planing mill last Monday and expect to keep it running for some time to come. The big whistle on the boiler sounds familiar.

Since the planer mill whistle has begun sounding its music again, the Roller Mill Co. have also put their big whistle back into commission and it now sounds at morning noon and night, when the mill is running.

Quite a number of people are coming into the county this spring and either buying or renting lands. Hardly a day but a car load of stock and household goods comes to the station, and many of the new comers are from Illinois and Indiana.

E. T. Foard, supt. of the public school at Morehouse, Mo., and formerly a member of the High School faculty of this place, came in on the noon train Thursday for a short visit with friends and relatives here. The school at Morehouse is taking an enforced vacation occasioned by the destruction of their school building by fire, last Friday.

The last number of the Doniphan lecture course was given last Tuesday night, at the court house, and the enrollment was pronounced generally to be the best of the course, wherein all were good. The "Castle Square Entertainers" was the name of the quartette that gave the program and they certainly maintained their reputation as entertainers. The course throughout has been excellent and the people appreciate the kindness of those in charge in furnishing the entertainment they have.

The attention of the readers of THE DEMOCRAT is called to the notice of the annual school election published in this issue, as an additional proposition has been added to be voted on, that of organizing a new district of two sections of the Doniphan district and other adjacent territory. The creation of this new district would be advantageous to the people living therein as they would not have to send their children so far to school, but it will reduce the total taxable list in the present Doniphan district to some extent.

The barn of J. O. Mikesell, on Briar Creek, about a mile and a half west of town, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning and the contents lost. There was about 100 bales of hay, timothy and millet, in the barn, a lot of harness and some farm implements, and a crib adjoining about 150 bushels of corn. The fire occurred about two o'clock in the morning and it is not known how it started. There was insurance on the building in the Farmers Mutual but not enough to pay for the loss. The Mikesell place is the Spencer or old Girtman place, and lies just across Briar Creek beyond the big hill west of town. The loss was a severe one to Mr. Mikesell, who had depended on his surplus hay to carry him through until the crops of this year are garnered.

Miss Annie Mabrey visited friends at the Bluff a few days this week.

Ira Green, merchant of Gamburg, was here this week attending court.

Lawyer J. L. Clark, of Van Buren, was here this week attending court.

County Judge Harris made a business trip to the Bluff the first of the week.

Dave Sensabaugh, of Acorn, was here this week looking after business matters.

Presiding Elder Duggins and wife returned to their home at the Bluff last Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Foard came over from the Bluff this week on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hudson.

Miss Bessie Mabrey returned to the Bluff last Sunday after a visit with home folks here the past week.

Mrs. John M. Atkinson, and children, who had been at the Bluff visiting for a day or so returned home last Friday.

J. D. Thurman came in from his home at Memphis, Tennessee, Wednesday, to attend court, and look after business matters.

Sol Wall and his bride arrived at home last Saturday and are now domiciled at their residence on North Walnut street.

Quite a number of citizens from Naylor were here this week attending court, as party to suits, witnesses or as members of the jury.

Frank Harris and wife, of St. Louis, who have been here visiting relatives for the past week, returned to their home in the city last Sunday.

L. N. Presson, of Fairdeal, who was on his way home from a four months visit in the south, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, was here yesterday, arriving from Little Rock the preceding evening.

C. P. Harmon this week received a car-load of dressed flooring and siding. This is somewhat like shipping coals to New Castle, with two saw mills here, but neither of the concerns have dressed lumber on hand to supply local demands.

Mrs. E. Sumerlin has received her line of new spring goods and invites her friends to call and see the stock. The trimmed hats are beauties and the styles are pleasing and our beautiful ladies can enhance their charming countenances by some of these elegant creations.

A petition has been circulated here this week, and has been quite numerous signed, asking the President to extend clemency and pardon the Smith's of Sikeston, and those employed by them as guards, who were convicted in the U. S. courts, of peonage, and sentenced to prison and to pay fines.

City Collector W. V. Ellis returned last Saturday from Haworth, Oklahoma, where he had been on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Maud Arnold, and to look at the country with a view, if he liked it, of locating. He didn't like it a little bit, and says flatly that Doniphan and Ripley County is good enough for him.

W. Christy Bryan, of St. Louis, who is a candidate for judge of the St. Louis court of appeals, was in town Wednesday getting acquainted. Mr. Bryan has the almost unanimous endorsement of the St. Louis Bar and is eminently qualified by experience to fill the position he seeks. He made the DEMOCRAT a friendly call while here.

At the land sales last Monday only four or five back-tax sales were made, that being all that had not paid out, and some of the tracts were very valuable being mostly lots in Oxy or Current view. The Lanugell farm on Fourchee, 120 acres, was sold under an order for partition, and brought \$1,000. Perry Simcox being the purchaser, that being the most valuable tract sold.

Maurice McCauley went out to Fairdeal last Sunday and the first of the week made an arrangement with the telephone exchange at that place by which the F. M. Tele. Co. assumes control of the property of the Fairdeal association and unites it with the Mutual lines. There is 16 or 18 'phones in the Fairdeal system and the Mutual has never heretofore invaded the territory of that association, but as the Fairdeal system believed they could get better and more extended service by going into the Mutual the deal was made. Mr. McCauley returned Wednesday from that place after closing the matter up satisfactorily all around.

Another whack-out in the tie business again and now only Albert Powers, of Oxy, and T. L. Wright Lbr. Co., are the only ones buying, and the latter takes only white oak, in the local market. It is generally understood among the tie men that the big concern that have heretofore been buying ties and the railroad companies have arranged a combine and will only have one buyer at each station who will take all the ties at uniform prices. The combine members will apportion the ties among themselves as they need them and the shipments will be controlled. Local buyers will be forced out of the business as the combine concerns will not take their ties.

I. L. Smith, of Naylor, was here in attendance at court this week.

"Keener Bill" Whitwell was here from Pine this week attending court.

Editor Oscar Heavens, of the Naylor Advocate, was in town between trains Tuesday.

Hon. Dave W. Hill, of the Bluff, was here this week looking after cases in circuit court.

Jason Dodd, stockman and farmer from Bardley, was in town this week attending court.

Hon. Lafayette Crim and John Dodd, of Gatewood, were in town this week attending court.

Mrs. W. A. Pearce returned Saturday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Groves, at Charleston.

County court will be in session next Wednesday, 25th, to settle with the collector and transact other business.

J. F. J. Spencer, of Union township, one of the Democratic candidates for sheriff, was in town this week attending court.

The Spring season begins today. According to the condition of the weather for the past few days, the season began some time ago.

Peach and plum trees are in full bloom, and if one bloom in every ten makes a peach or plum the trees will break down under their loads.

Attorneys from out of town who have been here this week attending court are Ed Abington, Sam Phillips and Pender Foard, from the Bluff, and Judge Green from De Soto.

Mrs. S. A. Proctor and little daughter Eleanor returned from St. Louis last Saturday. Mrs. Proctor and the little girl having gone up the Thursday previous to bring Mrs. Proctor, who had been at a hospital for a course of treatment, home.

Conductor Thos. R. Williams arrived here last Thursday noon and took the run on the branch in the afternoon, relieving Conductor Reese, who had been in charge. Mr. Williams will move his family here and again become a citizen of this city, and they will be warmly welcomed.

Rev. A. B. Deter, a missionary of the Baptist church, will lecture at the Baptist church next Sunday, morning and evening. At the evening service he will illustrate his lecture with stereopticon views of scenes and scenery in that country. The public is invited.

"Judge" Michael Malony, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, father of Mrs. Chris Dachwald, who now lives at DeSoto, was here this week visiting friends for a day or two. Judge Malony is "der boss" of the U. S. court house at Mt. Vernon, and is as jolly and pleasant as ever.

Mrs. J. R. Bullington went to Charleston the past week on a visit to her parents, Rev. Bullington accompanying her as far as the Bluff. Monday last Rev. Bullington went to Fredericktown to attend a meeting of the Epworth League board of managers to be held at that city.

To The Fiddlers Again.
Gentlemen:—In the last two issues of this paper we have called your attention to the coming fiddlers' contest. We are now prepared to state definitely what the prizes are to be. For the first prize we will offer a fifteen dollar violin and bow; for the second prize a ten dollar violin and bow; for the third prize, a two dollar and fifty cent silver, gold lined cream pitcher.

While the date of the contest is not absolutely fixed, it will be sometime early in April. Decide now and send in your name to C. A. Depe, Supt., HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL COM.

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Writes Eczema Patient.

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One of the most remarkable eczema cures recently credited to the well known D. D. D. Prescription has just been recorded in Chicago.

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"I suffered three years with Weeping Eczema. It started with a little spot on my knee and spread fast over my whole body. I spent hundreds of dollars and went to every good doctor I heard of, but kept getting worse. Nothing would stop the awful itch and burning.

"I had to stay in bed from the middle of May to the middle of July. Then I tried D. D. D. Prescription. This is the 9th of December and I am entirely free from the terrible disease. D. D. D. saved my life.

"When I began this treatment, people were afraid of me I looked so terrible. My husband was the only one who would take care of me. D. D. D. stopped the itch at once so I could sleep, which I had not done before. Then I began to get better fast and now my skin is clear and white, not a spot anywhere."

Just a few drops of D. D. D. Prescription brings relief—nothing to swallow or drink. We vouch for D. D. D. Prescription, also the cleansing D. D. D. Soap at W. W. Johnston's and C. H. Martin, Druggists, Doniphan, Mo. Get a bottle today if you have any skin disease. Begin your cure at once.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

The March term of the Ripley county Circuit court convened last Monday, March 16, with Judge J. C. Sheppard presiding.

During the morning session a number of motions and demurrers were heard and filed, and the preliminary work of the term arranged.

J. W. Hyson and T. B. Swindle were sworn in as special court bailiffs, to assist in the work of attending the court and the juries.

The grand jury drawn at the November term of county court was empanelled and sworn and went to work Monday afternoon. The body is composed of the following citizens:

P. G. Miller, John Paul, Geo. Ponder, James Whitaker, John Jordan, F. F. Hammers, Bird Gibson, Morgan Denning, O. F. Sloat, Joe Tyson, Mitch Cope and J. M. Stancil, the last named member being chosen as the foreman.

The cases on the docket have been disposed of as indicated following:

Case No. 113—State of Missouri vs. Robt. Snodgrass; forgery. Plea of guilty as to forgery in the third degree and his punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary.

No. 153—State vs. Will Bowman; burglary and larceny. Trial by jury and verdict of not guilty.

No. 117—State vs. Ollie Thurman; disturbing the peace. Costs paid and appeal dismissed.

No. 111—State vs. Fred Symon; charging excessive passenger rates. Continual by consent.

No. 154—State vs. H. L. Crook; larceny. Trial by jury of six and verdict of not guilty.

No. 155—State vs. G. N. Ireland; larceny. Plea of guilty and fine of \$5.00 assessed, and costs, and fine and costs paid.

No. 156—State vs. Alf Rogers; violating local option law. Continued.

No. 120—James Humphrey vs. Herman Macke; on account. Dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

No. 122—Mary E. Stout vs. St. L. I. M. & S. Ry. Co.; damages. Continued by agreement.

No. 130—John Shannon vs. Herman Macke, et al; to cancel contract and restrain timber cutting. Dismissed by plaintiff at his costs.

No. 166—W. H. S. Miles vs. St. L. I. M. & S. Ry. Co.; damages for loss of freight. Continued by agreement at cost of plaintiff.

No. 157—State vs. Lucy Mikesell; disturbing the peace. Plea of not guilty. Trial by jury and verdict of not guilty.

No. 62—T. L. Tillman et al vs. Chas. A. Heas; on note. Trial by jury and verdict for plaintiff for \$190.00; verdict signed by nine of the jury.

No. 100—W. J. McElrath vs. Finney and Tucker; action for damages on attachment bond. Motion to dismiss case for want of prosecution overruled, and cause on trial to jury. Verdict of jury for plaintiff and damages assessed at the sum of \$75.00.

No. 158—Henry Miller vs. F. P. Stanton; on account. Motion for writ of justice to furnish transcript of cause in his court.

No. 128—Abington & Stanley vs. Ollie Thurman and J. D. Thurman, interpleader; services as attorney. Continued by agreement.

No. 124—Jno. T. Barbee vs. J. D. Thurman; on account. Trial by court on merits. Judgment by consent for plaintiff for \$212.00, and execution stayed for 60 days.

No. 159—M. F. Johnston et al vs. T. L. Wright Lbr. Co.; on account. Cause referred to J. L. Robinson by agreement.

No. 169—Ripley County Bank vs. John Goin and Chas. E. Osborne; on note. Trial by court and finding for plaintiff for \$406.87, at 8 percent.

No. 172—J. H. Greer vs. E. Armour et al; quiet title. Disclaimer for Mo. Lbr. and Mining Co. filed. Trial by court and decree for plaintiff by default.

No. 174—E. E. Whitworth vs. O. P. Hedges Land and Im. Co.; quiet title. Trial by court and decree for plaintiff by default.

No. 145—Ethel Simmons vs. Harry Simmons; divorce. Trial by court and decree for plaintiff on payment of costs.

No. 178—J. H. Walker vs. Nancy R. Walker; divorce. Trial by court and decree for plaintiff on payment of costs.

No. 179—Flora Welch vs. Hugh Welch; divorce. Trial by court and decree for plaintiff and custody of child.

No. 184—Nancy C. Walker vs. J. F. Walker; divorce. Trial by court and decree for plaintiff on payment of costs.

No. 76—Myrtle Morey et al vs. Ethel Hector et al; partition. Leave to answer on part of Dan Sipes on or before the first day of next term of court.

No. 180—J. W. McKinney vs. Donna Cronson and J. A. Cronson; on mechanics lien. On trial to jury.

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In buying baking powder examine the label and take only a brand shown to be made with cream of tartar.

Death of Private Horace M. Thomas.

J. A. Thomas, of this city received the following letter by mail last Sunday:

COMPANY "A" 11TH INFANTRY.
MORRO BARRACKS, SANTIAGO, CUBA.
March 7th, 1908.

(THROUGH THE ADJUTANT, 11TH INFANTRY.)
MR. J. A. THOMAS,
DONIPHAN, MO.

SIR:—It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of your brother, Private Horace M. Thomas, Company "A" 11th Infantry, which occurred at 3:00 o'clock this morning, after an illness of six days. He died of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis, commonly known as spotted fever.

An inventory of the effects of the deceased is being prepared, a copy of which will be forwarded to you as soon as it is completed.

In accordance with law a Soldier who dies in Cuba must be interred here, and the body must remain here for two years from the date of burial. At the expiration of that time the body will be disinterred and shipped to the United States for re-burial at such place as you may indicate. You should send a letter to the Quartermaster General U. S. A. Washington, D. C. stating where you wish to have the body shipped and the letter will be placed on file and attended to at the proper time.

The Adjutant General of the Army of Cuban Pacification at Havana, Cuba, was notified by wire today of the death of your brother.

Private Thomas will be buried at 4:00 p. m. Saturday the 7th. He will be given a military funeral with all the honors and ceremonies attendant on such an occasion.

Regretting deeply that I must be the bearer of such sad news, and extending to you my sincerest sympathy in your bereavement, I am

Very respectfully,
E. R. WILSON,
1st. Lieut. 11th. Inf. Com'dg. Co. "A".

Omission is made of portions of the letter that are more of a personal nature than of information to relatives, and bear only upon the disposition of the deceased effects. The deceased enlisted in January last, and after the usual time required in camp of instruction was assigned to "A" company, eleventh regulars stationed at Santiago. He was a native of this county and was raised here. His age was 21 years.

Teachers' Examination.

The first teachers' examination of Ripley county for the year 1908 will be given at the High School building March 27 and 28. The examination will begin promptly at 8:00 a. m. and close promptly at 6:00 p. m. each day. The order of the subjects are as follows:

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.
Geography, Grammar, Algebra, Spelling, Language, Arithmetic and Literature.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28.
Reading, Civil Government, U. S. History, Science, Physiology, Pedagogy and Adv. History.

C. N. PENNINGTON,
CHAS. O. BOOKER,
MISS ETHEL SCOTT,
Members of County Board of Education.

Call for Mass Convention.

The members of the Peoples party of Ripley county are requested to meet in mass convention at the court house in Doniphan at 1 o'clock p. m. Saturday March 28, 1908, for the purpose of electing delegates to the state and national conventions which meet in St. Louis on April 1st and 2nd.

Geo. G. Davis,
Sec. Co. Cen. Com.

March 7, 1908.

Make It Yourself.

There is so much Rheumatism here in our neighborhood now that the following advice by an eminent authority, who writes for readers of a large Eastern paper, will be highly appreciated by those who suffer:

Get from any good pharmacy one-half ounce fluid extract dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Shake these well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime; also drink plenty of good water.

It is claimed that there are few victims of this dread and torturous disease who will fail to find ready relief in this simple home-made mixture, and in most cases a permanent cure is the result.

This simple receipt is said to strengthen and cleanse the eliminative tissues of the kidneys so that they can filter and strain from the blood and system the poisons, acids and waste matter, which cause not only Rheumatism, but numerous other diseases. Every man or woman here who feels that their kidneys are not healthy and active, or who suffer from any urinary trouble whatever, should not hesitate to make up this mixture, as it is certain to do much good, and may save you from much misery and suffering after while.

Our home druggists say they will either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription ready to take if our readers ask them.

Now's the time to take Rocky Mountain Tea. It drives out the germs of winter, builds up the stomach, kidneys and liver. The most wonderful spring tonic to make people well. You'll be surprised with results. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Johnston's Pharmacy.

Thomas F. Lane makes announcement in this issue of the Citizen for State Senator from this district to succeed Hon. T. R. R. Ely, of Dunklin county. Mr. Lane is an able lawyer and if elected will be the right man in the right place, as the next session is the revision session when lawyers are most needed, when the statutes have to be revised. Mr. Lane was born and raised in this county and is well known to most everybody in this county as plain "Tom Lane." The office of State Senator is an honorable position only, there is not much salary attached to it, therefore it is the custom all over the state to pass the honor around from one county to another in the districts, this makes it about time that the honor be passed back to Ripley county as they have not had a senator since 1879 and then only by appointment of Hon. Thos. Mabrey to fill out a vacancy. The following counties have been honored by this office: Cape Girardeau by Hon. R. B. Oliver, Bullinger by Hon. Robt. Drum, Wayne by Hon. Chas. Yancey, Dunklin by Hon. Thomas R. R. Ely, the present senator. Mr. Lane represents two counties in this race, that of Butler and Ripley and we think these two counties are entitled to be honored this time by the office of state senator. Mr. Lane starts today on tour through the district fixing up his fences and we predict for him a successful campaign — Poplar Bluff Citizen, 19th inst.

The public school at Moorehouse was destroyed by fire at a late hour last Friday night. The fire was caused by a gas forming from the coal in the basement which became damp causing the gas to arise. The building being vacant at the time the fire broke out and the gas igniting very readily nothing could be done to save it. The building is not a total loss as an insurance of \$6000. is due them, though, the school will be retarded for some few days on account of the loss of text books. They contemplate erecting a much better building at some time during the ensuing year, for the present they will continue their work in the opera house and church.